



**Parks and Recreation
Advisory Board
Approved Minutes
July 8, 2025
Council Chambers
6:30 PM**



I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Present: 4 - Chair Andrew Smith, Board Member Nathaniel Stember, Vice Chair Melissa Soto, Board Member Doris Houck

Absent: 1 - Board Member Mike Thomas

Chair Andrew Smith called the July 8, 2025, meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. Staff in attendance were Jay Conn, Director, Debbie Zaravelis, Admin Assistant, Mark Reggentin, City Manager and Robert Sargent, Public Information Officer.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

1. APPROVE THE MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 5, 2025

A motion was made to approve the March 5, 2025, meeting minutes as presented.

RESULT: Approve
MOVER: Board Member Doris Houck
SECONDER: Vice Chair Melissa Soto
AYES: Andrew Smith, Nathaniel Stember, Melissa Soto, Doris Houck
NAYS: None

IV. PUBLIC PERIOD

Chair Andrew Smith opened the Public Period.

Dorine Olive, and Chuck Fletcher, 620 Lake Catherine Drive, made a request to the PRAB to read the new pickleball rules and consider changing them, as they feel they are unfair, and they want common sense rules that align with the true spirit of pickleball, which is about community, fairness and accessibility.

Chair Andrew Smith closed the Public Period.

V. OLD BUSINESS**1. QUINN STRONG PARK/LIBRARY PLANS**

Jay Conn shared a brief overview of current plans for Quinn Strong Park associated with the new library project with the board. Since the time the initial plans were brought to the PRAB December 4th meeting, there has been quite a bit of development. Staff have scrutinized details, and the design team has been hard at work. Construction costs have increased significantly since COVID years and costs have been scrutinized heavily to keep the project within budget.

Mark Reggentin, City Manager, mentioned the plans are going before City Council in the July 14, 2025, meeting for review. The current plans are at the design development phase and not much else is anticipated to change once these plans are approved by Council. The next steps will be construction drawings, primarily for the building, with a finalized timeline of approximately December of this year. Construction is anticipated to begin at some point in the first half of 2026 depending on the bidding and permitting process.

Andrew Smith wanted to state how great it looks and how well thought out it is. It's a beautiful green space, and the plans look amazing,

Melissa Soto asked if the children's play area would be ADA-compliant. Jay Conn stated that it is and that it has to be.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

There was none.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS THE BOARD DEEMS ADVISABLE

There was none.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, the meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm.